



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
AMENDMENT

APPLICANT: Wyatt

ATTY. DOCKET NO.: MCO-P-00-001

SERIAL NO.: 09/544,508

GROUP ART UNIT: 3629

FILING DATE: Apr. 6, 2000

EXAMINER: Dixon

TITLE: "A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING BED AVAILABILITY INFORMATION ON A COMPUTER NETWORK"

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for providing bed availability information to a user wherein the user identifies an available bed for a patient and further wherein the bed availability information includes information on beds at a plurality of healthcare facilities wherein the plurality of healthcare facilities receives the patient based on the bed availability at one of the plurality of healthcare facilities, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a computer network;

providing a database connected to the computer network;

inputting bed availability information for a plurality of healthcare facilities wherein each of the plurality of



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Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	X 0	X 9.00 X 18.00	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	03	MINUS	03	X 0	X 42.00 X 84.00	0
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			( ) YES (X) NO	\$130.00 \$260.00 ONE TIME	0	
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		0	

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct. No. 50-0595. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

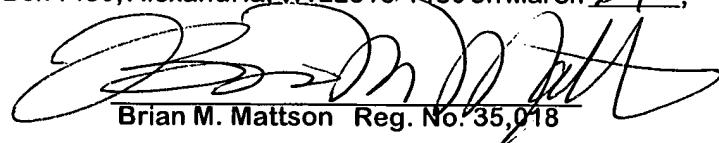
When phoning re this application, please call 773/772-6009.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that the attached Amendment, duplicate copies of this transmittal, and return receipt postcard are being deposited as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 24, 2004.

  
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